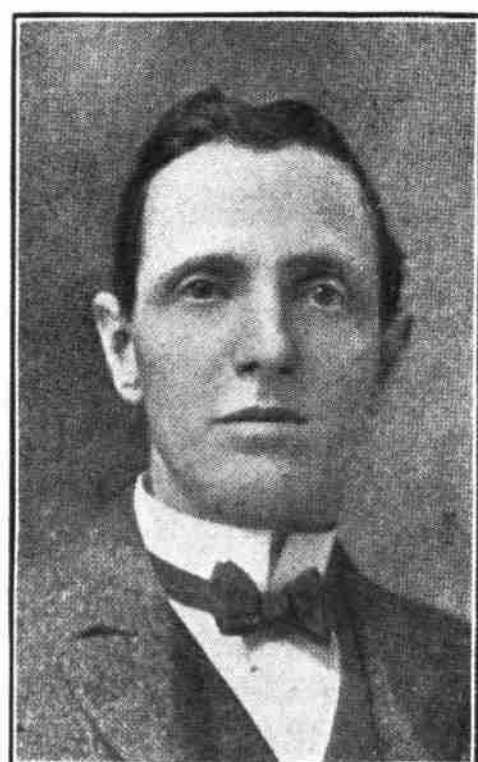


Lincoln Institute, Lincoln, Ky.

William Goodell Frost, Ph.D., President

LINCOLN INSTITUTE received its name on the 1st of February, 1909. Berea College was forced to build this school because of the state law prohibiting the education of Negroes and whites in the same school. Berea College was originally for white students, but after the Civil War it admitted Negro students also.



Wm. Goodell Frost

Lincoln Institute will be religious but non-sectarian; industrial and normal, of the Hampton-Tuskegee type, but providing scholarships for some selected students at other institutions for higher education. It is to be located on some large land domain not close to any town, but with good railroad facilities, so as to be accessible. The institute is to be managed in its inception by Berea College, but it will have its own board of trustees as soon as possible. Pending the completion of the "Adjustment Fund," Berea has been sending former colored students, at her expense, to Fisk University and other schools. While beginning with industrial education, Lincoln Institute does not propose to stop there. Its training of teachers will be the great feature from the start, and other things will be added as means and needs appear.

Address at the Clifton Conference, August 19, 1908

President William Goodell Frost

I FEEL that we are hearing very important testimony, nothing new, but emphasizing the old, and it gives me greater confidence. It gives me confidence that a great guiding spirit has been leading us.

I am a believer in the colored race. Berea College was founded before the Civil War for white people, but its original purpose has rather been lost. J. Cameron was on the board in South Carolina. He lived in the first building at one time. He had to leave, and the house was made into a slave school. A

great many of the slave holders sent their children to this school and after the war they admitted colored students, as Northern schools would do.

The mountain whites were those who owned land, but not slaves. There are about 12,000 Negroes in Kentucky, but Berea was the first organized school that admitted colored students. And by and by the students became teachers. I was asked once if I thought it was worth while. Worth while! I could give you example after example of people who have been saved to themselves and the community through this training.

The demand for colored teachers has been immense. We have not yet begun to fill it. Four years ago a law that was passed in Texas was passed in Kentucky, and while we have had our real difficulties, we have found that it was best to defer to public sentiment by establishing a new work for colored pupils. We have set apart portions of land for colored people. We are sending graduates from our school to Knox University, and they have been a help wherever they go. Kentucky is a hard state to work in. This matter of establishing new schools and maintaining them is an immense responsibility, and I want to ask your prayers that we may do the wise and right thing.

We have now \$340,000 pledged towards new buildings, and with \$60,000 more pledged, we shall begin an active work. We shall try to get nearer the center of the state. We want to procure ten thousand acres, but it will take time.

This matter of Bible institutes has been a very vital one. We have had something of the kind, but it is rather hard. We have eleven distinct denominations on our board of trustees and teaching force. We have no bishop nor any council to look after, and the Bible is the great thing. Sunday morning, our students attend church round about, as they wish to do. Sunday-school follows, and we try to make it interesting and instructive. We have a regular instructor, and he is commissioned to teach the English Bible and to do so that all may become pupils who will.

We have the International Lessons and like them. We have a Bible class besides, and soon we shall have a course of study that we have laid out, taking Hebrews and the life of Jesus and Paul, and perhaps the Epistles. Many have signified their intention to take up this course. Many of our students after leaving teach in the public schools. Berea students carry on much important religious work.

We have felt the need of such a work as you speak of. I hope if you inaugurate it that one of them will come to Berea and